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METHODS EMPLOYING SUCH CLUSTER  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This request for reconsideration is submitted in response to the outstanding official action mailed on April 19, 2005 in connection with the above identified application.

Claims 1 through 54 remain for active consideration in the above identified application. Claims 55 through 105 have been withdrawn from consideration.

In the outstanding action, claims 1, 4 and 6 through 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 38 11 477 in view of Brazier (US 4,708,638), claims 2, 3, 5 and 28 through 54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 38 11 477 in view of Brazier and further in view of Seitz (US 2,618,325) and Zink (US 3,850,571), and claims 1 through 54 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being obvious from claims 20 through 34 of John Zink's US 6,729,874. Applicants hereby respectfully traverse the stated rejections

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